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Palmer L. Jenkins  
Superintendent  
North Cascades National Park Service Complex  
810 State Route 20  
Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284

Re: EPA comments on the Final Stehekin River Corridor Implementation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EPA Project Number: 08-010-NPS).

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the National Park Service (NPS) **Final Stehekin River Corridor Implementation Plan (FSRCIP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** on Lake Chelan National Recreation Area of the North Cascades National Park Service Complex in Whatcom, Skagit and Chelan Counties, Washington.

In our comments on the draft Plan/EIS in February 2011, the EPA recommended that the final Plan/EIS include up to date information on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Clean Water Act §401 and 404 permit applications for the project; and a discussion on climate change effects. In addition, we encouraged NPS to consider use of Low Impact Development techniques where applicable in project activities.

The final Plan/EIS was responsive to our comments on the draft. In particular, we are pleased with NPS commitments to use low impact development designs and obtain required Clean Water Act permits for the project in a timely manner. In addition, we appreciate added clarifying information on climate change effects and other changes made to the Plan/EIS between draft and final based on public comments.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this final Plan/EIS. If you have question about our comments, please contact me at (206) 553-1601 or by electronic mail at [reichgott.christine@epa.gov](mailto:reichgott.christine@epa.gov), or you may contact Theo Mbabaliye of my staff at (206) 553-6322 or electronic mail at [mbabaliye.theogene@epa.gov](mailto:mbabaliye.theogene@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Christine B. Reichgott", is positioned above the typed name.

Christine B. Reichgott, Manager  
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